

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME **

HISTORIC *Wife* General Gideon Foster House

AND/OR COMMON
Peabody Historical Society Headquarters

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
35 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Peabody VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Essex CODE 009

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Peabody Historical Society, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
35 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Peabody VICINITY OF _____ STATE Massachusetts 01960

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. South Essex Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN Salem STATE Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1975 _____ FEDERAL STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 1854

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The General Gideon Foster House is located on Washington Street near the center of Peabody. Moved to its present site in 1854, it stands not far from its original location on nearby Main Street.

The General Gideon Foster House (c.1810) is a three-story Federal style house which remains virtually unaltered since the time of its construction. Although on a less sophisticated scale, the house recalls the dignified McIntire houses built by merchants in nearby Salem. The five-bay facade has shuttered windows with two over two sash. The central entrance has a shallow enclosed porch with sidelights on either side of the door. Side elevations of the main section have two windows on each level. The house is covered with clapboards painted white and is topped with a hip roof.

A rear ell extends to the west and is three bays deep. A side entrance on the south elevation of the ell has a bracketed overhang of the mid-nineteenth century.

On the interior of the house is a central hall and stairway. There is also a rear stairway which leads to the ell. The plan is typical of the Federal period. There are three fireplaces and mantels in the house, the one in the library being of the McIntire type. The house also features McIntire-inspired wood cornices.

In the front the house opens directly onto a brick sidewalk and to the rear the lot is terraced.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The General Gideon Foster House is significant as the home of a Revolutionary War hero and as an important Federal period building in central Peabody.

The house was originally built on Main Street between Littles Lane and Park Street, later the site of the Sutton Estate. The land for the house was sold on August 9, 1808 by William W. Little to John Saunders, a merchant. Around 1810 Saunders built his house on the four-acre lot.

In 1815 the house was bought by General Gideon Foster who had earlier achieved fame in the Revolutionary War. Foster had commanded a company of Minutemen from Peabody at the Battle of Lexington, and he had also served in Colonel Mansfield's regiment in the siege of Boston. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, Foster's company supplied ammunition. For his continuing contributions to the patriots' cause, he was promoted to Colonel in 1792, Brigadier General in 1796, and in 1801 he was elected Major General by the State Legislature.

General Gideon Foster was born in Peabody in 1749 and throughout his life played an active role in town life. He was one of the most influential citizens in the town and held a number of public offices such as town clerk and Representative to the General Court. He operated bark, grist and chocolate mills in Peabody and the machinery of his mills was of his own planning and construction. Foster died at nearly 97 years of age and he was buried with high military and civic honors with a eulogy delivered by the Honorable Daniel P. King, a State Senator and Congressman from Peabody.

In 1831 the house on Main Street was sold to Eben Sutton, a prominent wool manufacturer. Twenty-three years later Sutton sold the house to Franklin Merrill with the stipulation that it be moved off the Main Street lot. Merrill acquired land on Washington Street in 1854 and moved the General Gideon Foster House to its present site.

The house remained in the Merrill family until 1916 when it was sold to the Peabody Historical Society. In recent years the house has been completely renovated and restored following years of neglect. Today it serves as the home of the Historical Society and houses collections of early pottery, an early Fire Department exhibit, a chair belonging to the first minister of Peabody, a large library of rare books and newspapers, and numerous other historical treasures of Peabody including Revolutionary War items.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Hill, Ruth H. History of Peabody Historical Society.
 Wells, John A. The Peabody Story. Essex Institute, 1972.
 Wells, John A. Real Estate Transfers, 1807 to 1916.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ½ acre (22,740 square feet)

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 341880 4709420
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor, and John A. Wells, Peabody Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 20, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amason

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 4/19/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 6/23/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6-23-76

Property Foster, General Gideon, House

State Mass.

Working Number 1. 30. 76. 2426

EBSEA

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
2.24.76

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
5-18-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT 3.4.76
LEBOVITZ

S.31

Bill-

ARCHEOLOGIST

What's the possibility of an H.D. in Peabody which would include this? N.B. the house next to it.

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

K. Yes, but local people don't seem cooperate so Mass can't nomin.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
5.31.76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hump
6.23.76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 8-3-76

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Peabody Historical Society Headquarters

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Peabody _____ VICINITY OF COUNTY Essex STATE MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Peabody Historical Society

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Peabody Historical Society, 35 Washington Street, Peabody

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO 1 of 1

Easterly facade, facing Washington Street.

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2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Peabody _____ VICINITY OF COUNTY Essex STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

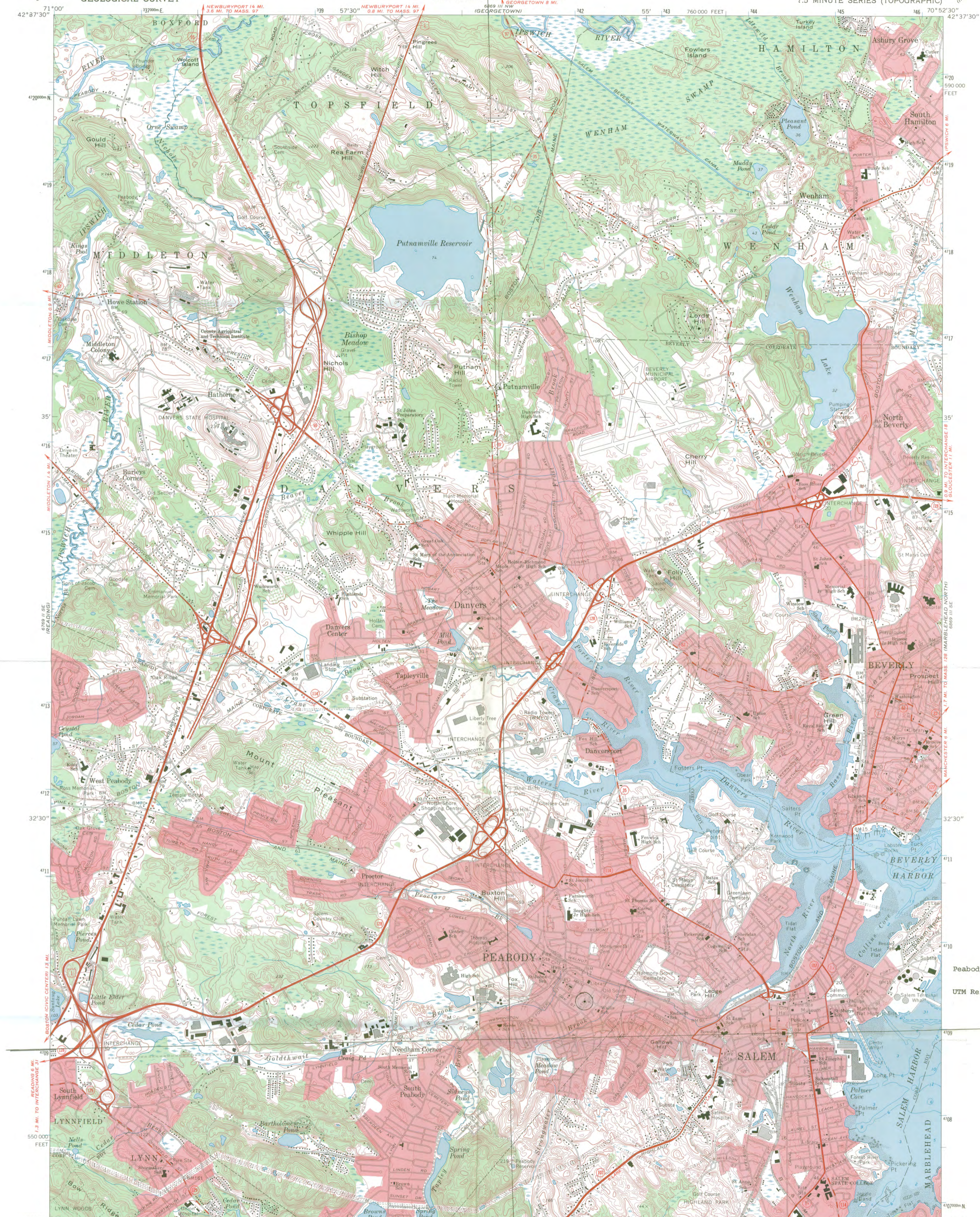
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SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1970

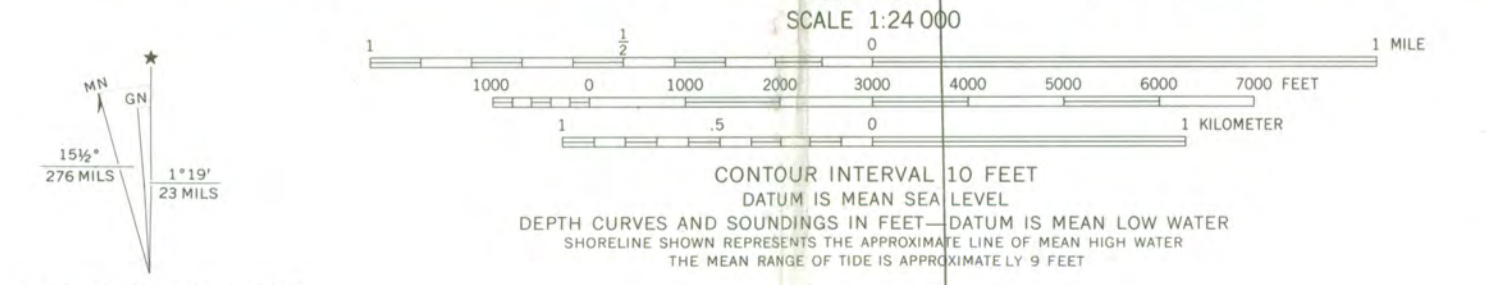
4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1938. Topography by planetable surveys 1942
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 240 and
241 (1970). This information is not intended
for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

SALEM, MASS.
N4230—W7052.57.5
1970
AMS 6869 III SW—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUN 23 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Foster, General Gideon, House	Peabody Essex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington

cc: Regional Director,
North Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

PR:MMott:cam:7/1/76

DATE June 8, 1976
TIME OF CALL 10:00 AM

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Judy Dolles

MA SHPO OFFICE

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Possibility of historic districts?

They had suggested a district, but it took
historical commission a year to do this one.

Yes a district, mostly late 19th C architecture

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

RECEIVED

JUL 27 1976

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Essay

Mass

DAILY EVENING ITEM
LYNN, MA.
D. 32,440

JUL 20 1976

New England
Newsclip

Peabody HOUSE 16

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Peabody's historic home cited

BODY — The Gen. Gid Foster House,

home of the Peabody Historical Society, has been included in the National Register of Historic Places.

State Secretary Paul Guzzi, chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission was informed of the listing by Gary Everhardt, director of the National Park Service.

The house, originally built on Main Street between Little's Lane and Park Street, is significant as the home of a Revolutionary War hero and as an important Federal period building in central Peabody. The land for the house was sold on Aug. 9, 1806, by William W. Little to John Saunders, a merchant.

About 1810, Saunders built his house on the four acre lot. In 1815, the house was purchased by General Gideon Foster who had earlier achieved fame in the Revolutionary War. The General had commanded a company of Minutemen from Peabody at the Battle of Lexington, and had

See HOUSE, page 12 10

Gideon Foster House admitted to national historic register

PEABODY — The General Gideon Foster House, headquarters of the Peabody Historical Society, has been accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The announcement came this week from Secretary of State Paul Guzzi who is chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The three-story Federal style house, now located on Washington Street, was the home of the Peabody Revolutionary War patriot who led a company of Tanner City minutemen to fight in the Battle of Lexington.

Designed in the mode of Salem Architect Samuel McIntire, the white clapboard house was originally built on Main Street between Littles Lane and Park Street. It was moved to its present location in 1854.

Naming of the site to the National Register makes it eligible for certain renovation funds and also protects the house against destruction stemming from a federal project.

The house and the historical society which occupies it are run as a non-profit organization by a private group of local history buffs who meet Tuesday nights at the house. New members and interested persons are always welcome at the Tuesday sessions.

Besides the meeting-work sessions, the house is opened to the public periodically for open houses and spe-

cial tours.

In the past two years, the newly active society has completely renovated and restored the house which had suffered from years of neglect. The building houses collections of early poetry, an early Fire Department exhibit, Asa Bushby oils, a chair belonging to the first minister of Peabody, a large library of rare books and newspapers and numerous historical treasures including many Revolutionary War items.

Land for the house was sold on Aug. 9, 1808 by William W. Little to John Saunders, a merchant. Around 1810, Saunders built a house on the four acre plot.

The building was bought by Gen. Foster in 1815, and remained his home until it was sold to Eben Sutton, a prominent wool manufacturer in 1831.

In addition to his outstanding service at the Battle of Lexington, the home's most famous resident participated in the siege of Boston as part of Col. Mansfield's regiment. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, it was a company led by Foster which supplied much-needed ammunition.

In reward for his efforts during the Revolution, Foster was promoted to colonel in 1792, brigadier general in 1796 and in 1801 he was elected major general by the state legislature.

The general was born in Peabody

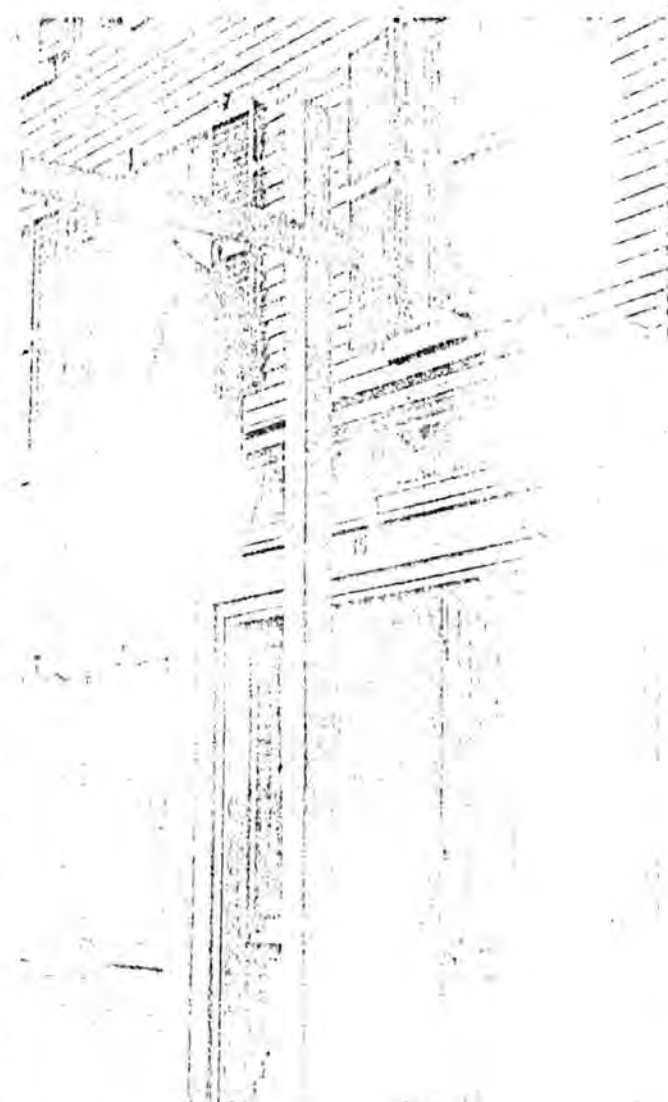
in 1749 and throughout his life played an important role in town affairs. He was one of Peabody's most influential citizens and held a number of town offices such as town clerk and representative to the general court. For many years, he operated bark, grist and chocolate mills in the downtown area and was responsible for both planning and construction of the mills.

After almost a century of active life, he died in 1846 and was buried with high military and civic honors with a eulogy delivered by the Hon. Daniel P. King, a state senator and congressman from Peabody.

The Foster House remained in the Sutton family for 23 years until 1854 when Franklin Merrill bought it and promised to move it off its Main Street lot. Merrill acquired land on Washington Street where the house has been ever since.

The historical society bought the house in 1916 from the Merrill family. The house's five-bay facade has shuttered windows with two over two sash. The central entrance has a shallow, enclosed porch with side lights on either side of the door.

President of the historical society is Neil Corning, who has led efforts to renovate the house.



Gen. Gideon Foster House

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 5-18-76
Reviewer INITIALS: EAS

NR DOE JUN 23 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER:

① Foster, ~~Henry~~ Kideon, House

OTHER NAMES:

Peabody Historical Society Headquarters Sec.

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

35 Washington ^{Sto} Street

CITY/TOWN

Peabody

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

025

COUNTY

Essex

code

009

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE)

N. ATLANTIC

MID ATLANTIC

SOUTHEAST

MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

WEST

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

- Substantially intact-1

- unknown - 4

not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- Substantially intact-2

- unknown - 5

not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

Substantially intact-3

- unknown - 6

- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -

EXCELLENT

- GOOD

- FAIR

- DETERIORATED

- RUINS

- UNEXPOSED

- Unexcavated

UNALTERED

- ALTERED

- Reconstructed

- Excavated

- ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED 1854

- Unknown

ACCESS -

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted

No access

Unknown

historic district?

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

NO

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- Residence

now- Historical Society

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

- AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE

- ART

- COMMERCE

- COMMUNICATIONS

- CONSERVATION

- ECONOMICS

- EDUCATION

- ENGINEERING

- EXPLORATION

- INDUSTRY

- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

- LAW/Gov't/politics

- LITERATURE

MILITARY

- MUSIC

- PHILOSOPHY

- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION

- SCIENCE

- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

- TRANSPORTATION

- OTHER (SPECIFY)

- entertainment

- health

- recreation

- settlement

- socio/cultural

- urban & commun

planning

Claims

"first"

YES

NO

"oldest"

YES

NO

"only"

YES

NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: *Federal Style*

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role & appropriate date)

General Gideon Foster 1815-1830; Eben Sutton 1831-1854; ~~Franklin Merrill~~ Franklin Merrill 1854-1916.

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1810*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): *1815-1916.*

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) *.5*

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

3 story frame structure with hipped roof and interior chimney left of center. 5 story front facade with shuttered windows. An ell extends from the rear on the west and is three bays deep.

Frame, clapboarding; 3 stories, L-shaped, hipped roof, front center hipped entrance vestibule; milled, 1854. Excellent Federal dwelling; Federalist. Home of Revolutionary War hero gen. Gideon Foster.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

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